

Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs (CFCPP)

Who We Are

The CFCPP is the Vermont State Advisory Group (SAG) as required by the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/about/jjdpa2002titlev.pdf> ; see especially sections:

42 U.S.C. 5631

42 U.S.C. 5632

42 U.S.C. 5633

The Council is a 21-member advisory group appointed by the governor with consent of the Vermont Senate. Members include private individuals, state agency personnel, representatives of private social services agencies, and youth. The Council was begun by the Vermont legislature in 1986.

What We Do

- A. Monitor Vermont's compliance with the core requirements of the JJDP Act:
 - 1. Deinstitutionalization of status offenders,
 - 2. Sight and sound separation of juveniles from adults in jails and lockups
 - 3. Removal of juveniles from jails and adult facilities, and
 - 4. Prevention and intervention efforts that address disproportionate minority contact of youth in the criminal justice system.
- B. Determine priorities for funding and monitor the administration of the JJDP Formula Grant funds through subgrants to projects in:
 - 1. Prevention
 - 2. Early Intervention
 - 3. Treatment
 - 4. Juvenile Justice System Improvement
- C. Administer the Vermont Children's Trust Fund (CTF), comprised of:
 - 1. State General Fund appropriations,
 - 2. Children's Trust Foundation interest income,
 - 3. Private Contributions from Vermont Children's Trust Foundation,
 - 4. Vermont Tax Check-Off Option; and
 - 5. OJJDP Delinquency Prevention Funds.
- D. Administer JJDP Title V funds through subgrants to local units of government for community-wide prevention programs.
- E. Make Funding Recommendations to the Agency of Human Services on
 - 1. Safe & Drug Free School grants to communities;
 - 2. Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds to improve the Juvenile Justice system in Vermont;
 - 3. Federal JJDP Formula Grant funds;
 - 4. Federal Title V Building Caring Communities Grant funds;
 - 5. Federal Challenge Grant funds; and
 - 6. Vermont CTF and Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grant funds.
- F. Advise the Governor and the legislature about juveniles, the juvenile justice system, and the

prevention of such problem behaviors as juvenile delinquency, dropping out of school, teenage pregnancy, substance abuse and child abuse.

G. The Council is the advisory board to the VT Juvenile Justice Commission

Funding Priorities, 2003 – 2005

- Juvenile Delinquency Prevention, with priority funding to projects that provide out of school time and youth leadership opportunities, mentoring, prevent substance abuse. Primary prevention efforts that build community and family strengths and reduce risk factors for youth.
- Early intervention with youth at risk of delinquent behaviors through: programs that keep youth engaged in school, development of pre-charge restorative justice programs that prevent youth from entering the justice system, protocols to establish screening of youth for substance abuse and mental health intervention needs.
- Enhance the juvenile justice system in Vermont through consistent statewide implementation and enforcement of community based restorative requirements for all delinquent youth including juveniles on probation, the improvement and expansion of services to at-risk adolescents, and further development of the state's juvenile justice data system.
- Oversee and administer the Vermont Children's Trust Fund for the purpose of providing funds for community-based primary prevention programs that reduce the likelihood of juvenile delinquency, truancy, substance abuse, child abuse and other socially destructive behaviors before intervention by authorities through strength-based activities in a community-based setting.
- Oversee and administer the federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention grant program to create and/or enhance family resource centers and services to families with children.